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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

8 JASPAL SINGH GILL,

9 Petitioner,

10 v.

11 DONALD R. HOLBROOK,

12 Respondent.

Case No. C20-318-RSL-MLP

ORDER DIRECTING SERVICE OF  
PETITION AND RESPONSE TO  
PETITIONER'S MOTION TO STAY  
AND ABEY

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14 Petitioner, who is represented by counsel, has filed a 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas petition  
15 and a motion to stay and abey this action pending exhaustion of claims that are before the state  
16 courts in a recently-filed personal restraint petition. Before ruling on the motion to stay and abey,  
17 the Court deems it appropriate to obtain a response to that motion from Respondent.

18 Accordingly, the Court ORDERS:

19 (1) The Clerk is directed to send to Respondent and to the Attorney General of the  
20 State of Washington, via e-mail, copies of the petition, all documents in support thereof, the  
21 motion to stay and abey, and this Order.

22 (2) Respondent shall file a response to Petitioner's motion to stay and abey not later  
23 than **March 30, 2020**. Respondent shall address only those issues necessary to assist the Court in

1 determining whether it is appropriate to stay the proceedings. Respondent is not being directed to  
2 file an answer to the petition at this time.

3 (3) Petitioner may file a reply not later than **April 3, 2020**.

4 (4) The Clerk is directed to NOTE Petitioner's motion to stay and abey (dkt. # 3) for  
5 April 3, 2020, and to send copies of this order to Petitioner and to the Honorable Robert S.  
6 Lasnik.

7 Dated this 3rd day of March, 2020.

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9 MICHELLE L. PETERSON  
10 United States Magistrate Judge  
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